

was heard from Chairman Hensarling, and Representatives Comer, Connolly, and Maxine Waters of California.

THE FUTURE OF WOTUS: EXAMINING THE ROLE OF STATES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “The Future of WOTUS: Examining the Role of States”. Testimony was heard from Wesley Mehl, Deputy Commissioner, Arizona State Land Department; and public witnesses.

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS: EMERGING USES IN A CHANGING NATIONAL AIRSPACE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Emerging Uses in a Changing National Airspace”. Testimony was heard from Daniel K. Elwell, Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING VA’S FAILURE TO ADDRESS PROVIDER QUALITY AND SAFETY CONCERNS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining VA’s Failure to Address Provider Quality and Safety Concerns”. Testimony was heard from Gerard R. Cox, M.D., Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Organizational Excellence, Department of Veterans Affairs; Randall Williamson, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1244)

H.R. 194, to ensure the effective processing of mail by Federal agencies. Signed on November 21, 2017. (Public Law 115–85)

H.R. 1545, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disclose certain patient information to State controlled substance monitoring programs. Signed on November 21, 2017. (Public Law 115–86)

H.R. 1679, to ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s current efforts to modernize its grant management system includes applicant accessibility and transparency. Signed on November 21, 2017. (Public Law 115–87)

H.R. 3243, to amend title 40, United States Code, to eliminate the sunset of certain provisions relating to information technology, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to extend the sunset relating to the Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative. Signed on November 21, 2017. (Public Law 115–88)

H.R. 3949, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the designation of State approving agencies for multi-State apprenticeship programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Signed on November 21, 2017. (Public Law 115–89)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine recommendations from outside experts for a future National Defense Strategy, 10:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of M. Lee McClenney, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Carlos Trujillo, of Florida, to be Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, and Kenneth J. Braithwaite, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, all of the Department of State, and Brock D. Bierman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the front lines of the opioid crisis, focusing on perspectives from states, communities, and providers, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Leonard Steven Grasz, of Nebraska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, James C. Ho, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Don R. Willett, of Texas, to be a Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Terry A. Doughty, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Terry Fitzgerald Moorer, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Mark Saalfeld Norris, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Claria Horn Boom, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, John W. Broomes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Rebecca Grady Jennings, to be United States District Judge for